

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4309
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PRICING OF ITEMS SOLD AT AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Airports Authority of India have any guidelines for pricing of ordinary articles/items being sold at airports;
- (b) if so, whether the shop-keepers using Airport premises do not follow these guidelines and charge exorbitant price for beverages, snacks and other ordinary items;
- (c) if so, the reasons for the lack of proper monitoring of such unfair trade practices; and
- (d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to check such practices?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) :- Yes, Sir. The guidelines are:

- (i) In the Notice Inviting Tenders, it is clearly mentioned that the party is expected to maintain the tariff rates comparable to those prevailing in the town / city for such type of facility; and
- (ii) Sealed items are not to be sold above the printed Market Retail Price.

(b), (c) & (d) :- No such complaints have been received so far. However, Airports Authority of India is regularly monitoring the prices.